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Re: Allowed U.S. Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/814,123; Filed: March 22, 2001
For: **Aryl Substituted Pyrazoles, Triazoles and Tetrazoles, and the Use
Thereof**
Inventors: HOGENKAMP *et al.*
Our Ref: 1861.1270001/JMC/THN

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Status Inquiry Letter; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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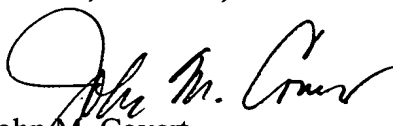
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Sir:

Please advise the undersigned of the present status of the above-identified patent application.

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In re International Application of: VICAL INCORPORATED ET AL.

International Application No.: PCT/US03/28199

International Filing Date: 10 September 2003

Title: **Codon-Optimized Polynucleotide-Based Vaccines Against *Bacillus Anthracis* Infection**

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RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION TO CORRECT DEFECTS
UNDER PCT ARTICLES 3(4)(i) AND 14(1) AND RULE 26

Sir:

In response to the Invitation to Correct Defects mailed on 13 November 2003, the undersigned hereby requests an extension of time (i.e., until 10 January 2004) to submit a Power of Attorney for the above international application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 12/15/03

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